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SUBJECT: CASEY/CHEYSSON DISCUSSION OF EC PREFERENTIAL
ARRANGEMENTS WITH ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES.

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EC BRUSSELS 1993(NOTAL)

1. AT INTER-AGENCY MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 8
WITH EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
COMMUNITY RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
UNDER SEC'Y CASEY AND AMB. MALMGREN (STR) WENT OVER IN
DETAIL FIVE POINTS WHICH CASEY PROPOSED TO SOAMES IN
BRUSSELS LAST MARCH AS BASIS FOR MODUS VIVENDI BETWEEN
U.S. AND EC ON ISSUE OF EC PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS
WITH ASSOCIATED LDC'S. (SEE EC BRUSSELS 1993 OF APRIL 11,
1973). IN RECALLING THE POINTS, MALMGREN SAID WITH REGARD
POINT THREE THAT U.S. WANTS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE
COMMUNITY WILL NOT CONCLUDE NEW PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS
WITH LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BEYOND THOSE IN SPECIFIED
LIST. THIS MEANS ESSENTIALLY FORMER COLONIES AND
DEPENDENCIES OF EC COUNTRIES BUT WOULD IN EFFECT INCLUDE
ALL OF AFRICA, PROVIDED EC MEETS ALL OTHER POINTS AS
WELL. MALMGREN EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT U.S. WOULD NOT
CHALLENGE IN GATT THE AGREEMENTS IN QUESTION ON GROUNDS
THEY ARE INCONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE XXIV, IN EVENT EC GAVE
UP REVERSE PREFERENCES, AND WOULD BE WILLING JOIN IN
PERSUADING OTHER COUNTRIES TO REFRAIN FROM SUCH CHALLENGE
AS WELL.

2. CHEYSSON RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO OUR PRESENTATION
AND INDICATED HE WOULD BE GIVING CASEY PROPOSALS CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION. HE NOTED THAT ASSOCIATED AND ASSOCIABLE
COUNTRIES HAD TAKEN UNIFIED STAND AGAINST REVERSE
PREFERENCES AT BRUSSELS PRENEGOTIATIONS CONFERENCE BUT
THAT THIS UNITY MIGHT NOT LAST. AT ANY RATE, EC WILL NOT
ASK FOR REVERSE PREFERENCES, HE SAID. ROGERS

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